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REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-17; and

Group II claims 18-26.

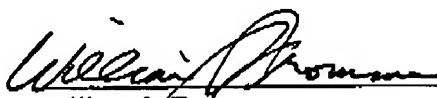
Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I claims 1-17 for further prosecution in the present application. To simplify the prosecution of this application, non-elected claims 18-26 are cancelled.

It is noted, the Office Action under reply fails to mention claims 27 and 28. Accordingly, it is assumed the failure to mention claims 27-28 was an inadvertent oversight and these claims should be included in Group I. Accordingly, the examination on the merits of claims 1-17 and 27-28 is respectfully solicited.

Applicant reserves his right to present non-elected claims 18-26 in a divisional application for further prosecution.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

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